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1. ECON COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ESTABLISHED CONTACT GROUP TO HANDLE DRAFT RESOLUTION REFTELS. IN OPENING SHORT SESSION, CHAIRMAN SAID OBJECT WAS TO GET EXPRESSION OF BASIC VIEWS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION INCORPORATING PROGRAM OF ACTION, MID-TERM REVIEW AND SPECIAL SESSION.

2. PAK AMB NAIK AS CHAIRMAN G-77 SAID THAT INTER-DEPENDENCE OF THREE TOPICS REQUIRED COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH. IDENTIFIED RESOLUTION AS PROCEDURAL AND BASED ON PROGRAM OF ACTION ITSELF. PREAMBLE HE SAID EMPHASIZED THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, THE PLEDGE OF ALL MEMBER STATES TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE UN IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE URGENT NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL MEASURES TO ASSIST THE MOST SERIOUSLY EFFECTED COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT ALL THE STATES HAD THE DUTY TO TAKE THE NECESSARY POLITICAL DECISIONS AND EMPHASIZED PARAS 6-9 ON AID NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME.

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3. PRESENTATION WAS FOLLOWED BY 2 TO 3 MINUTES OF

SILENCE BROKEN BY STATEMENT BY US (TANK) WHICH ELABORATED VIEWS ALONG THE LINES PARA 3 AND 4, REF(A). ALSO REFERRED TO STATEMENT MADE BY AMB FERGUSON IN RESPONSE TO PREBISCH REPORT IN PLENARY AS BASIS US POSITION (SEPTEL). SAID THAT IN US VIEW CENTRAL THEME THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD BE CONDUCT OF REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS DOCUMENT MOST WIDELY ACCEPTED, AS MACHINERY ALREADY ESTABLISHED, AND AS DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS ALREADY CLEAR. REFERRED TO PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE DECLARATION AS DOCUMENTS ON WHICH WEO'S HAVE EXPRESSED APPROXIMATELY 200 STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATION OR RESERVATION AND SAID THAT US HOLDS THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE DOCUMENTS DO NOT REPRESENT A UNANIMITY OF OPINION IN THE ASSEMBLY. ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION IS FAMILIAR AND HAS BEEN REPEATED IN UN AGENDAS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. SUGGESTED THAT REVIEW AND APPRAISAL COMMITTEE BE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS EFFECTING THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THAT ECOSOC, BY ACTING ON AND SELECTING ISSUES FROM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL REPORT, COULD BE THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM SPECIAL SESSION ACTION COULD BE REFERRED TO 29TH UNGA.

4. FRENCH DEL ENDORSED JOINT TREATMENT OF INTERDEPENDENT ITEMS, NOTED THAT TEXT WAS PROCEDURAL, AND AGREED TO BASING IT ON ACTION PROGRAM AS ADOPTED AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID HE WAS EXPRESSING VIEWS OF OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS AND THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO GO BEYOND THE ACTION PROGRAM OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TEXT CONCERNED ONLY PROCEDURE, SUGGESTED THAT WE THINK OF WAYS TO DO ALL OF THE TASKS WITHOUT TOO MUCH WORK AND ASKED THAT WE ALL SHOW GOOD WILL.

5. CANADIAN SUGGESTED THAT WORKING GROUP BE OPEN-ENDED SINCE THERE WAS SERIOUS INTEREST ON THE PART OF MANY DELEGATIONS. FINLAND AGREED WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE OPEN-ENDED AND DEL SAID HE HAD ONLY A SERIES OF "SMALL SUGGESTIONS." AUSTRALIA RAISED QUESTIONS OF MEETINGS

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AND IT WAS AGREED THAT ECON COMMITTEE WOULD CALL OFF SOME MEETINGS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO WORKING GROUP. COMMENT: DISTURBED BY APPARENT FRENCH ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM OF ACTION ON BEHALF OF WESTERN GROUP, EVEN THOUGH QUALIFIED WITH "AS ADOPTED", US DEL ASKED FRG REP DEGREE OF FIRMNESS OF EC-9 ON THIS RESOLUTION. HE WAS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT IN FINAL ANALYSIS EC-9 VIEWS CLOSELY PARALLELED THOSE EXPRESSED BY US DEL. SWEDISH

AND YUGOSLAV DELS SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATED INTEREST IN  
US LINE. FIRST MEETING WORKING GROUP PROBABLY WILL  
TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY. ABRAMS

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